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TO AMEMBASSY LONDON

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SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL WHALING COMMISSION

1. AS EMBASSY AWARE, TIME PERIOD FOR OBJECTIONS TO IWC REGULATIONS AGREED ON IN JUNE IS OCTOBER 2, MIDNIGHT. REQUEST EMBASSY INFORM DEPARTMENT ON OCTOBER 3 IF ANY OBJECTIONS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED BY IWC SECRETARY.

2. ATTENTION DEPARTMENT HAS RECENTLY BEEN DRAWN TO SMALL TAKE OF HUMPBACK WHALES BY NATIVES OF BEQUIA, PART OF ST. VINCENT, FOR SUBSISTENCE PURPOSES. CALL TO BRITISH EMBASSY HERE RESULTED IN INFORMATION THAT ST. VINCENT IS AN ASSOCIATED STATE OF THE U.K. MEANING THAT THEY ARE INDEPENDENT EXCEPT THAT U.K. ACTS FOR THEM IN INTERNATIONAL MATTERS. BRITISH EMBASSY IS REQUESTING INFORMATION FROM ST. VINCENT REGARDING ANY LAWS REGULATING WHALING. REQUEST EMBASSY INQUIRE AS TO VIEWS OF HOST GOVERNMENT RE ST. VINCENT AND THE IWC. IS WHALING OF BEQUIA NATIVES CONSIDERED DOMESTIC ACTIVITY
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AND RESPONSIBILITY OF ST. VINCENT? HOW DOES U.K. GOVERNMENT

VIEW BEQUIA WHALING VIS A VIS U.K. MEMBERSHIP IN IWC?

FYI. IN SCHEDULE OF IWC CONVENTION, NATIVES OF ELASKA,
SIBERIA AND GREENLAND ARE ALLOWED LIMITED TAKES OF PROTECTED
SPECIES OF WHALES FOR SUBSISTENCE OF LOCAL COMMUNITIES.
PRESENT ISSUE INVOLVES DECISION WHETHER USG CAN LICENSE
A SMALL SCIENTIFIC IMPORT OF PARTS OF WHALES TAKEN IN BEQUIA.
THIS MATTER OBVIOUSLY OF MUCH LESS URGENCY THAN REQUEST
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